

symptoms is delayed. This was the compound originally used by Harnack in 1878 for producing experimental chronic lead poisoning. Further investigation along different lines may reveal, therefore, that lead tetraethyl, as a constituent of "ethyl gasoline" and similar mixtures, is a greater hazard than appears at present. When the difficulties of the diagnosing of early lead poisoning are borne in mind, the entire subject is certainly far from being closed. On the contrary, certain approaches are just being made, and, if confirmed and extended, may ultimately give a better understanding of the nature, prevention and treatment of chronic poisoning in man.

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THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The above old and new titles of our state association form a baffling and elusive puzzle to the general membership of the California Medical Association. It recalls our childhood struggle to decide if Ernest Seton-Thompson was Ernest Thompson-Seton, or some other Ernest.

By a differential diagnosis, the points of similarity and of dissimilarity may be pointed out and the blurred picture become clearly defined.

POINTS OF SIMILARITY

1. Both the California Medical Association and The Medical Society of the State of California have been titles used for our state association.

2. Both societies have the same dues and the same fiscal year.

3. Both societies use the same secretary and almost the same membership cards.

POINTS OF DISSIMILARITY

1. The California Medical Association is the present name of our state association. The Medical Society of the State of California is the former name of the state society, now used by a society formed of a group of members of the California Medical Association who desired optional medical defense furnished by the legal staff of the state association.

2. The dues of the California Medical Association are paid to county secretaries. They are NEVER PAID TO THE STATE SECRETARY. The dues for optional medical defense are paid direct to the secretary of The Medical Society of the State of California who, to add to the confusion, is one and the same as the state secretary.

3. The stationery, membership cards, assessment statements, etc., of the state association are printed on white paper. The stationery, membership cards, assessment statements, etc., of optional medical de-

fense furnished by The Medical Society of the State of California are printed on brown paper.

SUMMARY

Pay California Medical Association dues and also your county dues at one time to your county secretary; pay your optional medical defense dues to The Medical Society of the State of California, with offices at 1016 Balboa building, San Francisco.

THE ATLANTIC CITY SESSION OF THE A. M. A.

Reduced Railroad Fare to Atlantic City

The rate of one and one-half fare for the benefit of members and Fellows of the American Medical Association who will attend the annual session in Atlantic City, May 25-29, has been granted by the railroads. The member, when purchasing his ticket pays the full one-way fare to Atlantic City, at the same time securing his certificate from the railroad agent. This certificate will be approved at Atlantic City by the secretary of the association, must be validated by a representative of the railroads, and will then entitle the holder to a return ticket at one-half fare. The validation desk will be located near the Registration Bureau on the Steel Pier.—A. M. A. Journal, February 14, 1925.

CALIFORNIA PIONEERS IN PHYSIO- THERAPY DEVELOPMENT

Hahnemann Hospital of the University of California did pioneer work in establishing a large, well-equipped physiotherapy department, with doctors to prescribe and trained physiotherapists to apply these instructions in the treatment of disease on a large scale.

Stanford University Medical School did pioneer work in establishing the first scientific course for the training of physiotherapy technicians. The California Association of Physiotherapists again were so far-seeing in their method of organization that their constitution and by-laws have largely been adopted elsewhere and by their national association. Columbia University has recently added courses of instruction modeled upon those of Stanford, and hospital physiotherapy departments modeled upon the one at Hahnemann are now widely scattered.

We have only recently heard that Robert A. Kilduffe has resigned his position as Medical Director of the Los Angeles branch of the Pacific Wassermann Laboratories, and contemplates returning to the East. Though Dr. Kilduffe has been in this state but a comparatively short time, he has firmly established his reputation as a careful and reliable serologist, as well as a laboratory worker from whom valuable contributions could be expected in his chosen field. As a matter of fact, the employment of men of the type of Dr. Kilduffe can only redound to the benefit of institutions seeking the patronage of reputable physicians, who in turn fully appreciate the value and limitations of laboratory assistance in their work, and know full well that only too often many so-called technicians employed in commercial laboratories are incompetent, untrained youngsters, far better equipped to act as messengers or janitors than as serologists. We almost feel that the profession in Los Angeles must have neglected its opportunities in permitting Dr. Kilduffe to leave their midst. It might be interesting to hear from them as to his reasons for going. Possibly the Pacific Wassermann Laboratories might throw some light on the matter.

Is It Too Late to Begin?—"It is useless to look to the courts alone for any material help in dealing with cults, double standards of professional education requirements, or the perpetration of frauds by crooked doctors. *The first thing to do in every state is to procure an act of the legislature that will reflect wisdom and justice,*" is the opinion of H. E. Kelly of the Chicago bar.